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# Partner Notification and Treatment Information

**Find out why  
"partner notification"  
is so important.**

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## What do I do now?

- You have been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection or an STI.
- It is important to refrain from sexual activity with your partner(s) until both you and your partner have finished all your medications.

## How can my partner get treatment for this infection?

- Your partner can receive treatment at the Panhandle Health District.
- Partners can call their local Panhandle Health District office (phone numbers are on back) and ask for a treatment appointment.

## My partner doesn't seem sick...

- Remember, many STIs are asymptomatic (without symptoms), and a person can feel fine now.

## I don't feel comfortable telling my partner(s) about this.

- You can choose to have the infection control staff notify your partner(s) for you. At no time will your name or any other identifying information be given to your partner(s) during notification, testing or treatment.

## Why is this partner notification so important?

- Because so many STIs have no symptoms early on—people may not realize they need treatment. The longer someone has an untreated infection, the greater the chance for complications—for some, a possible complication is irreversible infertility. You can help others avoid complications by helping them to seek medical treatment.
- Idaho law states that it is unlawful for anyone infected with a sexually transmitted disease to knowingly expose another person to the infection of such diseases.